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1. SUMMARY: INFORMAL MEETING OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRODUCED SOVIET REQUEST THAT, FOR THE MOMENT, AUSTRIAN PARAGRAPHS ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES NOT BE DISCUSSED, AND, WITH ARGENTIAN DISSENTING PERSISTENTLY AND BELGIUM ACQUIESCENT, REVEALED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL THAT GA ASK OSC TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON OSC ENLARGEMENT TO 1974 GA. DETAILED, PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH ANALYSIS OF AUSTRIAN TEXT PRODUCED AGREEMENT ON PREAMBLE (ENLARGEMENT PARA EXCEPTED); REVIEW OF OPERATIVE PARAS WILL BE TAKEN UP AT FURTHER MTG WED AFTERNOON.

2. DETAILS, LATER AFTERNOON MTG 26 NOV CHAIRED BY AUSTRIAN DEL BEGAN WITH GENERAL DISCUSSION OF AUSTRIAN TREATMENT OF DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE ASPECTS OF OSC WORK PROGRAM FOR 1974 AND OSC ENLARGEMENT. USSR ADVISER ORDZHONIKIDZE OPENED BY STATING USSR DEL IS CONTINUING TO CONSIDER QUESTION OF WHAT KIND OF SEPARATE

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RESOLUTION ON THE SEPARATE DBS GA ITEM WOULD BE "MOST

CONSTRUCTIVE"; SOVIET CONSULTATIONS WERE IN TRAIN. HE ASKED THAT GROUP NOT DISCUSS AUSTRIAN OPERATIVE PARAS 6 AND 8 AT THIS STAGE.

2. DRAWING ON REFTEL, MISOFF APPRECIATED AUSTRIAN INITIATIVE, SAID US WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN BEING DRAWN INTO EARLY CONSULTATIONS ON ANY USSR DBS DRAFT, EXPLAINED WE HAD NOT OBJECTION TO DEFERRING DISCUSSION OF OPERATIVE PARAS 6 AND 8 BUT BELIEVED AUSTRIAN OMNIBUS TEXT MUST INCLUDE APPROPRIATE PARAS ON OSC CONSENSUS AGREEMENT AS TO COMMITTEE'S DBS WORK FOR 1974, AND SUPPORTED CONSIDERED ENLARGEMENT APPROACH EMBODIED IN AUSTRIAN PARA 23 WHICH WOULD GIVE OSC OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE IN-DEPTH STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEXT SESSION OF GA BEFORE GA ACTS.

3. FOLLOWING VIEWS ON DBS EMERGED. (A) UK ASKED FOR, AND RECEIVED, SOVIET ASSURANCES OF INTENTION TO CONSULT WITH THE GROUP ON ANY EVOLVING DBS RESOLUTION. SAME THEME SOUNDED, ALTHOUGH LESS VIGOROUSLY, BY CANADA AND SWEDEN WHICH NOTED CANADIAN-SWEDISH INITIATIVES THIS FIELD. (B) EGYPT, ARGENTINA AND BULGARIA THOUGHT SEPARATE DBS RES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF FACT SEPARATE DBS AGENDA ITEM IS BEFORE CURRENT GA. (C) INTERESTINGLY, EGYPT THOUGHT AUSTRIAN DRAFT SHOULD REFER UNESCO DBS DECLARATION TO THE OSC FOR STUDY AND COMMENT. ZAHARAN SAID UNESCO HAD REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR IT WOULD WELCOME UN VIEWS. (D) JAPAN, UK, FRANCE, SWEDEN AND (MORE MILDLY) INDIA BELIEVED AUSTRIAN OMNIBUS SHOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE REFERENCES TO OSC DBS WORK FOR COMING YEAR REGARDLESS OF SEPARATE SOV RESOLUTION,

4. ON ENLARGEMENT AUSTRIAN CHAIRMAN BEGAN BY STATING THAT "AS OF NOW" CHINA IS NOT INTERESTED IN JOINING THE OSC; OF ASIAN GROUP, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES AND PAKISTAN ARE INTERESTED, LAST TWO HAVING EARLIER GIVEN SOME INDICATION THEY WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH "OBSERVER " STATUS; IN AF, KENYA AND NIGERIA; IN LA CHILE, COLOMBIA AND PERU; AND IN WEO FRG, NETHERLANDS AND TUKEY. (INTERESTINGLY, NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO ANY POSSIBLE GDR DESIRES) ARGENTINA ADDED VENEZUELA IS CONSIDERING THE MATTER. COMMENTS ON ENLARGEMENT WERE OF FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL

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CHARACTER: (A) THERE WILL BE STRONG PRESSURES FOR DECISION BY CURRENT GA TO ENLARGE THE OSC WITHOUT DELAY -- ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM. (B) AUSTRIAN PARA 23 CALLING FOR AN OSC STUDY AND REPORT TO GA NEXT YEAR DESERVES SUPPORT -- INDIA, EGYPT, ITALY, CANADA, UK, FRANCE, SWEDEN, BULGARIA, IRAN, POLAND. (C) HOWEVER, AUSTRIAN PREAMBULAR PARA 7 NOTING SEVERAL ENLARGEMENT SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE AT LAST OSC SESSION "PREJUDGES"

THE QUESTION AND SHOULD BE DELETED -- USSR, POLAND.
(C) ENLARGEMENT IS INEVITABLE AND WOULD BE BETTER
WELCOMED THAN FOUGHT -- BELGIUM, ARGENTINA. (D) A
MORE "MODEST" ENLARGEMENT MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED NOW,
DURING CURRENT GA, THAN IF THE GA WAITS UNTIL OSC
STUDY IS READY NEXT YEAR -- ARGENTINA. (E) IN ANY
EVENT IT IS IMPORTNAT THAT ENLARGEMENT BE "MODEST",
AN INCREASE FROM CURRENT 28 TO "35 OR 40" BEING
LOOSELY SPOKEN OF AS QUALIFYING --ARGENTINA, EGYPT,
INDIA.

5. GROUP THEN BEGAN PARA-BY-PARA REVIEW OF THE
PREAMBLE AND AGREED ON ALL PARAS BUT THE 7TH, RELATING
TO ENLARGEMENT. NUMBER OF DELS SUGGESTED THAT PARA BE
IMPROBED BY DIVISION INTO TWO SEPARATE PARAS, ONE REFERRING
TO DESIRABILITY INCREASING EXPOSURE OF GENERALITY UN
MEMBERSHIP TO OSC'S WORK AND SECOND RELATING TO FACT
SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WITHIN OSC AS TO ITS EN-
LARGEMENT.

6. AUSTRIAN DEL WILL PREPARE REVISION OF PREAMBULAR
PARA 7 AND DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE WED 5.00 PM.

7. FOLLOWING THE MTG ORDZHONIKIDZE ASKED MISOFF TO
MEET WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION
ON POSSIBLE SOVIET DBS RES. DELOFF WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY..
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